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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

14 December 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Secretary of State
for Research and Intelligence
Director of Intelligence, General Staff, US Army
Director of Naval Intelligence
Director of Intelligence, US Air Force

SUBJECT: Strategic Material for USSR from Eastern Germany

REFERENCE: DCI 3/1, dated 8 July 1948

1. Problem.

ORR is making a continuing study of the transmission of strategic material or its components to the USSR and its satellites from Eastern Germany.

2. Scope.

The study will include the output of electronics plants, scientific laboratories or research institutes, synthetic fuel plants, munitions plants, and plants manufacturing spare parts for tanks, anti-aircraft artillery, machine guns and other weapons, including naval armament or equipment, and such chemical industries as are engaged in the production of material which contributes directly or indirectly to Soviet war potential. Some estimate of the extent to which Soviet, as well as satellite, war potential industry depends upon shipment of critical materials from the Soviet Zone will also be included.

3. Departmental Action Required.

a. The departmental intelligence organizations are requested to supply such of this information as may lie within their fields of competence by the close of business 28 December 1949.

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b. Inquiries on this project should be addressed to [REDACTED] Code 143, extension 2249.

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